

DIGITAL CAMERA AND METHOD PROVIDING
AUTOMATIC IMAGE FILE BACKUP DURING UPLOAD

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention transfers an image file to an archive memory for storage
5 and automatically creates and stores a backup image file in response to transferring
the image file. A method of image file backup stores the backup image file separate
from the transferred image file. A digital camera includes a transfer driver that
provides automatic image file backup in conjunction with uploading of an image file
from the camera to an archive memory. A digital photographic system includes a
10 digital camera, a computer having an archive memory, a communications interface
connecting the digital camera and computer during an upload of an image file, and a
transfer driver that automatically creates and stores a backup image file of the image
file in conjunction with the image file upload.